GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1514
ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008
CHILDREN`S DEATH DUE TO MEASLES VACCINATION
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some death cases of children have been recently reported in Tamil Nadu due to measles-vaccine administered at a primary health centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the causes of deaths;

(d) if SO, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the persons found guilty for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes sir, four deaths of infants were reported following administration of measles vaccine from two PHCs of Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu on 23rd April, 2008.

(c) & (d) A Central Team of experts constituted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to investigate the reported deaths of infants found that the probable cause of death could be due to Anaphylactic shock.

(e) The State Government has instituted an enquiry and pending investigation -placed the concerned staff Village Health Nurses and Pharmacists under suspension.